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PRE AMENDMENT
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Sette *et al.*

Application No.: 09/412,863

Filed: October 5, 1999

For: INDUCING CELLULAR IMMUNE
RESPONSES TO HUMAN
IMMUNODEFICIENCY VIRUS-1
USING PEPTIDE AND NUCLEIC ACID
COMPOSITIONS

Examiner Ronald Schwadron

Art Unit: 1644

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-referenced application, please enter the following amendments and remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-39 and add new claims 40-70:

--40. A composition comprising a prepared human immunodeficiency virus-1

(HIV-1) epitope consisting of an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of:

VLAEAMSQV,

LVGPTPVNI,

KLTPLCVTL,

LTFGWCFKL,

KVYLAWVPAHK,

MTNNPPIPV,

KMIGGIGGFI,

LLQLTVWGI,

AIIRIQQL,

MTKILERFR,

KLVGKLNWA,

TLNFPISPI,

SLLNATDIAV,

RILQQLFI,

AIFQSSMTK,